

To: Yeh, Alice[Yeh.Alice@epa.gov]
From: Judith S. Weis
Sent: Mon 7/14/2014 1:56:35 PM
Subject: RE: Participation on a panel

Are you there now? I could call you if you are.

> It might be easier to talk by phone, but I'm afraid I don't have your
> phone number - would you send that to me and I will call to discuss?
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> Alternatively, my number is 212-637-4427
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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Judith S. Weis [mailto:jweis@andromeda.rutgers.edu]

> Sent: Saturday, July 12, 2014 1:58 PM

> To: Yeh, Alice

> Subject: Re: Participation on a panel
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> Could you fill me in on a bit of detail about the CAD alternative that you
> did not choose - I assume it would have required dredging out a lot of
> sediments from Newark Bay to create a borrow pit. What would have been
> done with those sediments? I assume they are too contaminated for
> beneficial use projects.

> Where would the pit have been located vis a vis shipping channels?

> If you can provide me with more details and why you didn't choose this
> alternative I will be a better informed panelist.
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> Many thanks.

> Judith
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>> I am helping the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) organize a
>> forum on confined aquatic disposal (CAD) vs. off-site disposal for
>> Passaic River dredged sediments. The forum will be on July 22, 2014
>> at 9am-12pm (see attached flyer).
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>> I am looking for experts to serve on the panel who can speak to the
>> potential impacts of a CAD cell on the Newark Bay environment. Reyhan
>> Mehran (NOAA) and Tim Kubiak (USFWS) recommended that I ask whether
>> you would be willing to participate on the panel.
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>> As you know, in April 2014, EPA issued a Proposed Plan for cleaning up
>> the lower 8 miles of the Lower Passaic River. The Proposed Plan
>> evaluates four options for the cleanup and describes EPA's preferred
>> option, which is to cap the lower 8 miles with sand, with some
>> dredging so that the cap does not cause additional flooding and to
>> allow for the continued use of the federal navigation channel in the
>> 2.2 miles closest to Newark Bay. EPA is seeking public comment on the
>> Proposed Plan until August 20, 2014. EPA is particularly interested in
>> receiving comments on the pros and cons of a CAD in Newark Bay, and
>> whether EPA should include CAD or off-site-disposal in its final
>> cleanup plan. The purpose of this forum is to foster discussion on
>> all sides of the issue, so as to allow people to submit informed written

>> comments.
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>> At the forum, the audience will submit questions in writing to a
>> moderator, who will read them to the panel for response. You would
>> have the option of making a 10-15 min presentation, or just responding
>> to questions.
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>> Please let me know if you would be interested in serving on the panel.
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>> If you have any questions, please contact me at 212-637-4427 (or
>> e-mail works!).
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>> Project Manager
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